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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have established Community Information Centres for expansion of information technology in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of centres established in the country till the end of March, 2002, State-wise;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the names of the States where such centres are to be established during the year 2002-2003?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): The Department of Information Technology is implementing a project for setting up Community Information Centres (CICs) at 487 block headquarters in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram,Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura for promoting application of Information Technology for accelerating socio-economic development of the region. 30 centers have been established till March 2002. 445 have since been added till date.

A total of Rs.99.35 crores (including 14 crores for pilot project) has been released so far.

The project does not envisage provision of these facilities in other states of the country.